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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, TSS

ATTENTION: Chief, TSS/MD

SUBJECT: Containers for Photographic Equipment,
where can we get equipment

1. A recently completed survey of SR agent photo equipment indicates that too little attention has been directed toward the proper protection of photo equipment normally carried on SR operations. The type of operation with which we are concerned is a "Black" type of mission, two (2) to four (4) agents, on which photographs comprise a good part of the intelligence "take". In the past, the containers have been of leather or canvas. Neither of these materials offers adequate protection; in addition, canvas is stiff when wet. The photo equipment containers used on past operations have been very unsatisfactory. They have been entirely too bulky and troublesome.

2. It is requested that TSS undertake a program to develop a container for photo equipment. It would be desirable if containers could be developed for the ALP/A, and LEICA cameras and for the KILFIT 300mm TELE-KILAR lense. There is a very definite operational need for containers for these items of equipment. The containers should have the following characteristics:

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A. Constructed of a light metal such as aluminum, magnesium or of a durable plastic or fiberglass material, *ss steel-*

container or bag?

B. Moisture and corrosion-proof to allow burial for short periods of time, *how long-*

✓ C. Conform to the shape of the equipment, *how closely - square?*

✓ D. Have sufficient interior supports and padding to protect the equipment and prevent rattling,

✓ E. Have a non-glare exterior finish which will not wear or chip off,

F. Have a lid or cover arrangement which could be readily unscrewed or unlatched for quick use, *reusable -*

G. They should have enough fittings for straps or buckles.


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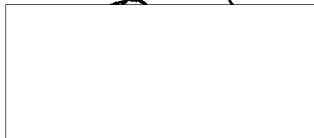
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3. This Division would appreciate having some proto-type containers for operational testing O/A, 15 April 1955. Any questions relative to this memorandum should be referred to 

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